

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-29 without prejudice and amend claim 30 as follows:

30. (Currently Amended) ~~The slab bolster upper comprising:~~A slab bolster upper for supporting rebar in a reinforced concrete structure comprising:

a substantially planar elongated base having upper and lower surfaces; elongated ribs projecting upwardly from opposite edges of said base;

a substantially planar elongated web projecting substantially perpendicularly from said upper surface of said base substantially medially thereof;

voids formed through said base and said web with said voids comprising a major portion of said base and said web and sized to facilitate free flow of concrete therethrough, whereby concrete, during placement thereof, may flow freely through and around said base and said web;

a rebar-engaging cap mounted on an outer edge of said planar web and extending in substantially parallel relationship to said base; and

complementary buckles formed on opposite ends of said base and said cap for interconnecting said slab bolster upper with like units.